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Hongkong, January 2, 1913.

LIFE ON MARS.

The recent appearance of Mars burning so brightly in the sky, distinguishing itself clearly among the stars by its yellow colour, and the consequent burning controversy as to what is happening on the surface of that planet, make very timely an article in the *World's Work* for January, entitled "The Certainty of Life on Mars," by M. Edmund Perrier, the distinguished member of the Institute of France and the French Academy of Medicine.

M. Perrier holds that Mars is certainly inhabited. The collapse of the fairy world constructed by bold imaginations on the base of the canals of Schiaparelli disposes only of the wonderful engineers, of whom Mr H. G. Wells has given us, in his "War of the Worlds," such a fantastic and captivating description.

The planet Mars has, in fact, passed through the same phases of evolution as the earth, and is still a good deal like it. It is enveloped in an atmosphere similar to ours, but a little less dense, and richer in oxygen. Clouds float in this atmosphere, hiding from us details of the surface of the planet.

Ice and snow accumulate during the winter at the two poles and melt irregularly in the summer, marking by their persistence at certain points regions of high altitude and great mountain masses which rise, as on our earth, at the southern pole. The quantity of ice melted during the summer seems to indicate an average temperature like our own. As with us, clouds formed over the seas break in rains which give birth to fresh-water lakes, and too the rivers by which the water that evaporation has robbed it of returns to the sea.

The density of the planet, which is very little lower than our earth, indicates an almost identical chemical constitution. The conditions which determine the appearance of life on the earth are, therefore, found on Mars, where they have necessarily produced the same effects.

Living beings of very simple structure, which appeared first, and from which all the others are descended, have presented the same characteristics, habits, and aptitudes as on our earth. But the evolution of life on the earth did not take place by accident; the world is regulated by eternal laws which contain in themselves its future, as they have dominated its past.

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Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, February 4, 1913.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned begs to notified the public that he has this day leased the business of the "CHINESE MAIL" ("Wah Tsz Yat Po") and that he accepts no responsibility for any liabilities of the former lessee.

CHAN UN MAN.
Hongkong, February 1, 1913.

NOTICE.

THE SHANGHAI LIFE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

AS MR WONG PO CHUN is retiring from business, the Hongkong Agency from 1st February, 1913, will be in charge of
J. F. ECA DA SILVA,
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Hongkong, February 1, 1913.

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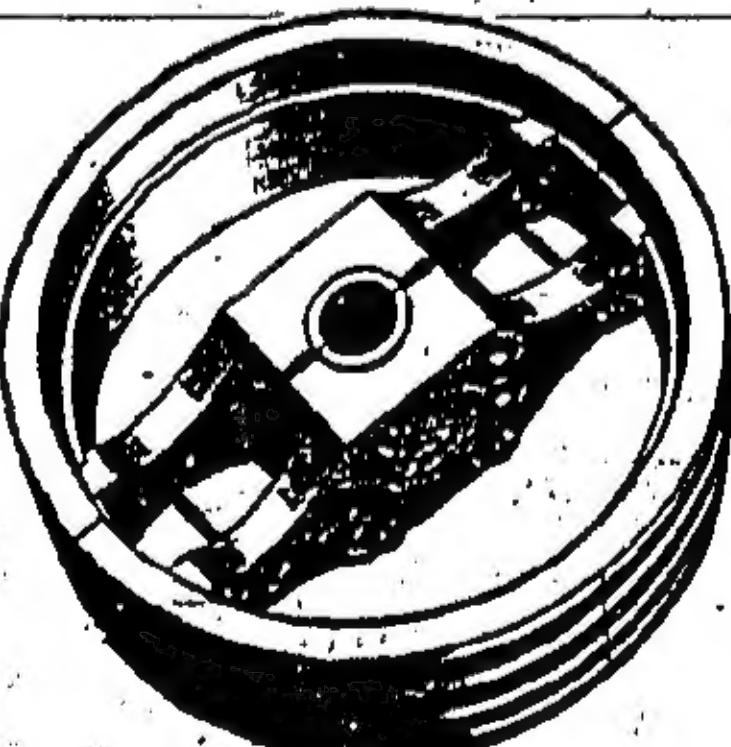
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of this
Company will be held at the HONGKONG
HOTEL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the
8th February, 1913, at Noon, for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors together with a Statement of
Accounts for the year ending 31st Decem-
ber, 1912.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the
17th February (both days inclusive) during
which period no transfer of shares can be
effected.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,

General Managers,

Hongkong, January 24, 1913.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILD-
ING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
ORDINARY MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS of this COMPANY will be
held at the Company's Office, Victoria
Buildings, on MONDAY, 10th February,
1913, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Directors together with
the Statement of Accounts for the year ending
31st December, 1912.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from Saturday 1st
February to Monday 10th February, 1913,
(both days inclusive), during which period
no TRANSFER OF SHARES can be re-
gistered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTCOTE,
Acting Secretary to the Hongkong Land
Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.
Agents for the Kowloon Land & Building
Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, January 24, 1913.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINETY-THIRD ORDINARY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will
be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel
Mansions, on TUESDAY, the 11th
FEBRUARY, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the
purpose of receiving a Report of the
Directors, together with a Statement of
Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing
Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 28th January
to the 11th February, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. E. CLARKE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 13, 1913.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY
MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of this
Corporation will be held at the CITY
HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the
22nd day of February, 1913, at Noon, for
the purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors together with a Statement of
Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1912.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the
Corporation will be CLOSED from MON-
DAY, the 10th February, to SATURDAY,
the 22nd February, 1913, (both days in-
clusive), during which period no transfer of
Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
N. J. STARR,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 1, 1913.



E. RAY

THE OPEN GOLF
CHAMPION, writes:

MR. T. W. HAWKES, HONG
KONG, HONGKONG, HONGKONG

July 24th, 1912.

Messrs. F. & J. Smith.

Dear Sirs,

I might say that I have

been a regular smoker of your

Glasgow Mixture for the

last twelve years and I might

also say that I cannot find

any tobacco to suit me like it. In my opinion if

Glasgow Mixture were they would find it very

smoke to the Nerves, as I am sure I do when having to play

matches such as the Open Championship, etc. Yours truly,

E. RAY.

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GLASGOW
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SOLD EVERYWHERETHE BOARD OF TRADE EYESIGHT
TESTS.

A Small Concession.

In respect to the controversy regarding
the present and proposed tests to which
the Board of Trade subject their candi-
dates for certificates of competency in the
mercantile marine, the Imperial Mer-
chant Service Guild are very actively
engaged in opposing these tests on the
grounds that they are entirely out of
accordance with seafaring conditions, are
absolutely rigorous, and, further, are the
means of gross injustice. Quite recently
a deputation from the Guild consisting
of Captain T. V. Walker, Chairman of the
Management Committee, Captain A. B. Tomlinson, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. T. W. Moore, Secretary, waited upon Mr. Robertson, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary
to the Board of Trade, urging that these
tests should be altogether revised and
made in conformity with conditions as
they prevail and are required at sea. To-
day the Guild have received the follow-
ing letter from the Board of Trade which
is of considerable importance to candi-
dates for certificates of competency en-
titled them to command and officer
merchant ships:

Marine Department,
Board of Trade,
7, Whitehall Gardens,
London, S.W.
January 15th, 1913.

The Secretary,
Imperial Merchant Service Guild,
Liverpool.

Sir,—I am directed by the Board of
Trade to inform you that they have given
very careful consideration to the repre-
sentations which have been made to them
with regard to the standard of form
vision to be required for candidates for
certificates of competency on and after
January 1st, 1914.

The Board are unable to agree that any
modification of the standard required in
the better eye—practically normal vision
—is desirable in the case of any class of
candidates for certificates and they are
also of opinion that the standard pre-
scribed for the weaker eye—half normal
vision—is not too high a standard to be
required in all persons presenting them-
selves for their first certificate of com-
petency. The Board however will be
prepared to allow any certificate holder
to obtain his higher certificate provided
that in his better eye he has normal
vision and in his weaker eye at least one
third normal vision. They have arrived
at this decision in view of the fact that
the Departmental Committee on Sight
Tests were not unanimous in thinking
that it was absolutely necessary to fix
the standard for the weaker eye at half
normal, and of the desirability of secur-
ing that an officer shall not be debared
from advancing in his profession except
for absolutely necessary reasons.

I am to add that it is not proposed in
any way to interfere with the privilege
which will be enjoyed by any person who
has obtained a certificate of competency
before January 1st, 1914, of obtaining his
higher certificate on passing the old stan-
dard only (half normal vision) when using
both eyes.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) WALTER J. HOWELL.

PHILHARMONIC
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SATURDAY, FEB. 8th.

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MR. SHAW'S NEW YEAR MODESTY.

Mr. George Bernard Shaw recently made
a New Year's resolution. He likes to be
applauded; in fact he will, if you wish,
confess himself a glutton for applause—if
it is offered at the right moment. But he
has come to the decision that he can have
too much of it—at other moments. If he
appears, for once to be modest there is
reason for his modesty, as he himself
shows in a characteristic personal appeal
which was based on his behalf to the
audience at the Kingsway Theatre, where
"John Bull's Other Island" was revived.

Mr. Shaw tactfully asked the audience
few questions. Thus:

Are you aware that you would get out
of the theatre half an hour earlier if you
listened to the play in silence and did not
applaud until the fall of the curtain?

Do you really consider that a perfor-
mance is improved by continual interrup-
tions, however complimentary they may be
to the actors and the author?

Have you considered that in all good
plays tears and laughter, like very close
together, and that it must be very dis-
tressing to an actress who is trying to keep
her imagination fixed on pathetic emotions
to hear bursts of laughter breaking out at
something she is supposed to be uncon-
scious of?

Have you noticed that if you laugh loud-
ly and repeatedly for two hours you get
tired and cross, and are sorry next morn-
ing that you did not stay at home?

Will you think me very ungrateful and
unkind if I tell you that though you cannot
possibly applaud my plays too much at
each fall of the curtain to please me, yet
the more applause there is during the per-
formance the angrier I feel with you for
spoiling your enjoyment and my own?

Would you dream of stopping the per-
formance of a piece of music to applaud
every bar that happened to please you?
And do you not know that an act of a play
is intended, just like a piece of music, to
be heard without interruption from begin-
ning to end?

Have you ever told your sons and
daughters that little children should be
seen and not heard?

Have you noticed that people look very
nice when they smile or look pleased, but
shockingly ugly when they roar with
laughter or shout excitedly or sob loudly?

Do you know that what pleases actors
and authors most is not your applauding
them, but your coming to see the play
again and again, and that if you tire
yourselves out and spoil the play with
interruptions you are very unlikely to
come again?

Do you know that my plays, as re-
hearsed, are just the right length; that
is, quite as long as you can bear; and
that if you delay the performance by
loud laughter you will make them half
an hour too long?

In conclusion the author asks the au-
dience to let the performance proceed in
perfect silence "just this once" to see
how they like it.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) WALTER J. HOWELL.

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30,000 MURDERS.

The Peruvian Rubber Horrors.

Mr. J. R. Gubbins, chairman of the Amazon Peruvian Company, was again examined on January 9 by the Commons Committee inquiring into the responsibility of the British directors for the rubber atrocities in the Putumayo region of Peru.

Lord Alexander Thynne examined Mr. Gubbins particularly as to the "military operations" indulged in by the company. Were you not surprised at the amount of money spent by the company on munitions of war?—My attention was not called to that till many months later. The question of rifles did not attract attention because it was customary to have rifles on large estates several days' distant from a police station. The district was surrounded by savage Indians armed with poisoned arrows and blow-pipes.

If you had examined the accounts with due diligence, would you not have discovered that £4,760 was spent on rifles?—I think it was much less than that. That £4,000 included other items.

Mr. Astbury, K.C. (for the company): I think the sum was £1,700.

Lord A. Thynne: If you had said you were not satisfied with Arana's explanation as to the "Colombians" and the well-being of the Indians, I suppose he would have had you off the board at once?—I am afraid he would have seized the opportunity of getting rid of us all. We tried to work harmoniously together, and little by little tried to increase the English element.

The whole point is, you could not do anything without the consent of Arana?—Yes.

These charges cast a very grave reflection upon the whole of the board, including the English directors?—I am aware of that.

Sir Clement Hill: You continued to have a certain amount of trust in Arana?—Yes, and I continue to have a certain amount of trust in him. The directors, added the witness, tried little by little to get more effective control, which he believed they had acquired if the company had not gone into liquidation.

And you would have emancipated yourselves from the thralldom of Arana?—Yes. Questioned by Mr. Swift MacNeill, Mr. Gubbins said that the directors were acting in the interests and for the benefit of the Indians.

GUILTY-PLOT AND DANGER.

Mr. Swift MacNeill: You were anxious that the Indians should be well cared for, and that they should have little cottage gardens, farm stock, including guinea-pigs, and that they should have dances. When did that wonderful spirit of affection for the Indians come about?—It was there all the time, but I know perfectly well you think I am not acting bona fide.

Mr. Swift MacNeill: No, no. The witness remarked that in Putumayo guinea-pigs formed a favourite dish. In some countries, where they could not raise an ox, they could rear guinea-pigs.

Mr. Swift MacNeill: Yes, yes, we know. We have got a lot of them downstairs. (Laughter.) Mr. Gubbins said that 30,000 Indians had been murdered in twelve years, which was at the rate of 2,500 a year. The atrocities had consistently diminished since the end of 1900. He joined the company at the invitation of Mr. Reid, an old and esteemed friend. What was good enough for Mr. Reid was good enough for him. He had resided in Peru for thirty-eight years.

Mr. Dickinson: During all those years did you not become aware of the fact that there were serious questions arising in that portion of Peru?—No; I never heard anything about them.

Mr. Astbury, K.C.: When the disclosures appeared in "Truth" what was their effect on your mind?—They appeared to be so extremely vague that they did not carry conviction.

Had you any personal reason for carrying on with the company, if those foul deeds were going on?—No. The witness said he believed that the only effective method of putting a stop to the things which had occurred was through the Peruvian Government. He believed that Arana had been imposed upon to a great extent by his own managers and people.

Mr. Astbury put in a letter from Señor Arana dated December 10, 1912, saying: "I will endeavour to be in London personally if necessary in February with various documents."

The Committee adjourned until Wednesday. Señor Arana is Julius C. Arana, member of the Peruvian firm who were the vendors in 1907 when the Peruvian Amazon Rubber Company was registered under English law. He was appointed liquidator of the company.



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AMBASSADOR'S FAREWELL.

BARON KATO LEAVING LONDON.

Baron Kato, the Japanese Ambassador, paid a farewell visit to the Foreign Office on 16th ult. and took leave of Sir E. Grey and the permanent officials, says a recent London Exchange. His Excellency has arranged to leave London on the Sunday en route to Tokio, to take up his new appointment.

As the King is not in town just now, the Ambassador's letter of recall will be presented to his Majesty on his behalf on a convenient occasion.

In a farewell conversation the Ambassador said to Reuters' representative: "It is with the greatest regret that I leave London, where I have so many friends and have received such great kindness. This regret is qualified, however, by the fact that I leave the relations between Great Britain and Japan in the best possible condition. The foreign affairs of Japan are happily in a very satisfactory state."

"We are in the enjoyment of peace with all countries, and I am glad to say that the future affords every prospect of a continuation of peace and goodwill in the Far East. The extent to which this is primarily due to the Anglo-Japanese alliance is so well realised that I need not insist upon the point. It is always the wish of the Japanese Government and the Japanese nation to have this alliance continued, and I believe also that this wish is shared in Great Britain. Also conducive to peace are the ententes we have with France, Russia, and the United States. These also form a powerful guarantee in the Far East."

"There are continually rumours about Mongolia, Manchuria, etc., which may have some effect on the public, but they leave the official mind untouched owing to the excellent relations that we enjoy with the countries I have named."

KNIGHT IN ARMOUR.

APPEARS AS DEFENDANT IN CITY COURT.

A "knight" in full armour, who was driven up to the Guildhall in a van, appeared at the City Summons Court on 10th ult. in answer to a summons "for that he, on January 2, within the general limits of the Metropolitan Streets Act, did unlawfully carry a certain placard by way of advertisement."

Inside the armour was James Wilson, an ex-Cavalry soldier, who returned from India a few days ago, and he had been employed to ride through the streets as an advertisement of "The Miracle" at the Covent Garden Opera House.

A constable said he saw the defendant, dressed in the armour he now wore, riding a grey horse in Liverpool street and carrying a banner, produced in court, on which appeared the words, "The Miracle," and a shield inscribed "Covent Garden, 3 and 5 30." Asked if he knew he was doing wrong, Wilson said he "told the governor if he came in the City he would be summoned."

In answer to questions the constable said Wilson was followed by a small crowd of street Arabs. The latter were not part of his retinue, nor were they in armour. A man was seen to enter the City through the City on a grey horse in armour if he liked.

Mr. Rickets (defending): You have not yet established yourself as owner of the clothes people shall wear in the City?—No. The Clerk: There is an Act which prohibits masquerading in the public thoroughfares.

Mr. Rickets: If so, there ought to be a lot of summonses after Lord Mayor's Day. The Alderman said the regulations to prevent congestion must be strictly enforced. He thought Wilson's employers knew that they should have applied for leave. He found defendant, and costs.

His Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name	Class	Tons	Gun.	H.P.	Commander	Last report at
Albatross	despatch vessel	1700	12	2000	Comdr. C. L. Lamb	Hongkong
Admiralty	Admiralty tug	—	—	—	Master W. West	Hongkong
Beagle	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Comdr. B. S. Fritchard	Yangtze River
Britomart	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Comdr. W. H. Darwall	Yangtze River
Cadmus	water tank and tug	1070	6	1400	Comdr. H. P. E. T. Williams	Shanghai
Cherub	aloop	390	—	300	Master H. Smith	Hongkong
Chio	aloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. Colin Mackenzie, D.S.O.	Hongkong
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	380	6	3700	Lt.-Comdr. Wilkinson	Hongkong
Flora	cruiser, 2nd class	4380	10	7000	Capt. C. F. Corbett, M.V.O.	Shanghai
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lt.-Comdr. Brickenden	West River
Janus	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	3900	Lt.-Comdr. Boddam-Whetham	Hongkong
Keat	cruiser, 1st class	9000	14	23,000	Capt. A. T. Hunt, C.S.I.	Hongkong
Kinsha	river gunboat	618	4	1200	Lt.-Comdr. H. D. Marryat	Yangtze
Metlin	aloop	1040	—	—	Capt. F. C. G. Pasco	Hongkong
Metlin	trubair, 1st class	14,600	—	27,000	Capt. G. C. Cayley	Hongkong
Monmouth	cruiser, 1st class	9800	—	22,000	Capt. B. H. F. Barttelot	Hongkong
Monmouth	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Com. Alan Dixon	Hongkong
Newcastle	cruiser, 2nd class	4800	12	29,000	Capt. Frederick A. Powlett	Yangtze River
Nightingale	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. Malcolm Murray	Canton
Otter	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6300	Lt.-Comdr. E. T. R. Chambers	Hongkong
Ribble	torpedo boat destroyer	590	—	7500	Lt.-Comdr. E. J. G. Mackinnon	Hongkong
Rosario	depot ship, submarines	980	—	1400	Lt.-Comdr. N. E. Archdale	Hongkong
Robin	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Nash	West River
Robinson	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. I. A. S. Hutton	Hongkong
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Maurice B. Leslie	Yangtze River
Snipe	river gunboat	85	2	240	Gunner W. H. Ryder	Hongkong
Taku	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6500	Commodore R. H. Anstruther, C.M.G.	Hongkong
Tamar	receiving ship	4650	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. Hon. G. Stopford	Upper Yangtze River
Tear	river gunboat	130	2	800	Lt.-Com. H. R. N. Cottrell-Dorman	Yangtze River
Thistle	river gunboat	710	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. Maxwell	Canton
Uk	torpedo boat destroyer	590	—	7500	Lt.-Com. H. D. Adair-Hall	Hongkong
Virago	torpedo boat destroyer	590	—	7500	Comdr. Seymour	Hongkong
Welland	torpedo boat destroyer	590	—	7500	Comdr. R. Neville	Hongkong
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	380	6	8900	Lt.-Com. J. C. F. Borrett	Upper Yangtze River
Widgeon	river gunboat	195	2	800	Lt.-Com. M. Blackwood	Yangtze River
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Comdr. Lloyd	Shanghai
Woodlark	river gunboat	150	2	500	Lt. C. Godfrey Herbert	Hongkong
C.36	submarine	—	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. A. A. L. Fenner	Hongkong
C.37	submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. J. R. A. Codrington	Hongkong
C.38	submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Handley	West River
C.39	submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Stileman	Hongkong
C.40	submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Nicol	Hongkong
C.41	submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. H. W. Seymour	Hongkong

* Flagship of Admiral Alfred L. Wintace, K.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G., Commander-in-Chief.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name	Flag and description	Tons	Gun.	H.P.	Captain	Last report at
Kaiser Franz Joseph I	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	4000	45	8000	Capt. H. Nauta	Shanghai
Dupleix	French armoured cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	Capt. Verges	Shanghai
Kleber	French armoured cruiser	9770	12	19,600	Capt. Goute	Hongkong
Decade	French river gunboat	645	10	1700	Lt.-Comdr. Vandier	Saigon
Argus	French river gunboat	180	6	570	Lt.-Comdr. Dordet	Canton
Vigilante	French gunboat	123	7	500	Lt.-Comdr. de Jervillier	Canton
Païho	French gunboat	130	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. Collin	Tongku
Dondard de Lagree	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. Dupuy Duteau	Tchong-Kin
Lynx	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. Bolux	Saigon
Protee	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. Bolux	Saigon
* Styx	French armoured gunboat	1798	10	1700	Lt.-Comdr. Guillaume-Louis	Saigon
Fronde	French destroyer	350	7	303	Lt.-Comdr. Aurillac	Saigon
* d'Arville	French destroyer	—	—	—	Capt. de Frigate Rouisen	Hongkong
Pistolet	French destroyer	130	7	300	Comdr. de Marquessar	Saigon
Mousquet	French destroyer	307	6	300	Comdr. Voisin	Saigon
Manche	French surveying ship	1825	10	9000	Comdr. Voisin	Saigon
* Flagship of Capt. (Commodore) Boudcaut, Commanding the local defence Indo-China.						
Kmden	German cruiser	3800	22	13,500	Capt. v. Rostoff	Swatow
Oniseon	German armoured cruiser	11,600	38	23,000	Capt. Brunninghaus	Tientsin
Tils	German gunboat	900	12	1500	Comdr. v. Gohren	Shanghai
Jaguar	German gunboat	900	12	1500	Comdr. Vanselow	Tientsin
Leipzig	German cruiser	3250	24	11,000	Capt. Behncke	Tientsin
Luft	German gunboat	900	10	1350	Comdr. Benndemann	Tientsin
Nürnberg	German cruiser	3400	22	13,200	Capt. Mörner	Tientsin
Oster	German river gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Lieut. Frie	Yangtze River
Scharnhorst	German river gunboat	11,600	38	23,000	Capt. Bösing	Shanghai
S. 90	German torpedo-boat	400	8	6800	Capt. Lieut. Berenberg	Tientsin
Taku	German torpedo-boat	280	4	6000	Obst. v. S. Claessen	Tientsin
Tiger	German gunboat	900	10	1350	Comdr. Röcker	Tientsin
Tingtau	German river gunboat	223	4	1300	Capt. v. Fähr. Speth v. Schulenburg	Canton
Vaterland	German river gunboat	223	4	500	Obst. v. S. Frin	Shanghai
Calabria	Italian cruiser	2145	—	—	Comdr. Sommi Piccardi	Shanghai
Adamastor	Portuguese cruiser	1757	—	—	Capt. Anibal de S. Dias	Macao
Macao	Portuguese gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Martins	Macao
Patris	Portuguese gunboat	700	—	—	Capt. José de Carvalho Crato	Macao

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A-4				Ensign J. C. Van de Carr	Cavite
A-6				Ensign C. M. Yates	Cavite
A-7	U. S. protected cruiser	3430	10	Com. M. L. Bristol	Cruising
Albany	U. S. torpedo-boat-destroyer	420	7	Ensign H. A. Jones	Cavite
Sainbridge	U. S. torpedo-boat-destroyer	420	7	Lieut. R. Hill	Cavite
Barry	U. S. gunboat	243	8	Ensign W. L. Heiberg	Canton
Callao	U. S. torpedo-boat-destroyer	420	7	Lieut. F. J. Fletcher	Cavite
Chanouy	U. S. protected cruiser	3183	11	Comdr. S. S. Robinson	Cruising
Cincinnati	U. S. torpedo-boat-destroyer	420	7	Lieut. C. A. Woodruff	Cavite
Dale	U. S. torpedo-boat-destroyer	420	7	Lieut. B. H. Green	Cavite
Decatur	U. S. gunboat	620	4	Lt. Comdr. S. Gannon	Shanghai
El Cano	U. S. gunboat	1302	8	Comdr. G. E. Marvell	Shanghai
Helena	U. S. station ship	1900	6	Lieut. R. V. Love	Cavite
Mohican	U. S. monitor	3990	6	Lt. E. P. Svars	Olongapo
Monadnock	U. S. monitor	4084	4	Commodore J. V. Chase	Olongapo
Monterey	U. S. gunboat	243	8	Lieut. B. B. Taylor	Cavite
Pampanga	U. S. sea going tug	854	2	Lieut. S. W. Wallace	Canton
Piscataqua	U. S. Repair ship	3085	—	Lieut. W. O. Wallace	Cavite
Pompey	U. S. gunboat	350	2	Lieut. J. J. Hancigan	Shanghai
Quire	U. S. cruiser	4360	14	Lt. Comdr. D. W. Warblough	Swatow
Rainbow	U. S. gunboat	243	8	Lt. G. C. Dickman	Shanghai
Ramair	U. S. armored cruiser	3115	14	Comdr. H. A. Wiley	Swatow
Saratoga	U. S. gunboat	370	9	Lieut. E. Durr	Shanghai
Yallahow	U. S. gunboat	1597	8	Comdr. J. F. Hubbard	Hongkong
Wilmington	U. S. tug	462	—	Chief Boatsw. P. E. Radcliffe	Olongapo
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TURCO-BALKAN WAR.

BOMBARDMENT OF ADRIANOPLE.

LONDON, Feb. 5. The bombardment of Adrianople lasted for four hours on Monday evening and was suspended for five hours during the night, being resumed at four o'clock in the morning. The Turks replied vigorously, but, according to reports from Sofia, the Bulgarians steadily advanced. The impression in Sofia is that the war will last altogether about ten days, but Constantinople believes there are surprises in store for the Allies. As the result of the new blood at the head of Turkish affairs and fresh troops, mostly Asiatic mountaineers, the Turks are confident that Adrianople will hold out for several weeks. It is reported from Sofia that some quarters of Adrianople are in flames.

PRAYERS FOR THE OTTOMAN ARMS.

A telegram from Constantinople states that Sheikh Ul Islam has instructed the faithful to deliver daily prayers in all the Mosques on behalf of the success of the Ottoman arms.

SERVIANS DISTINGUISHING THEMSELVES.

A telegram from Belgrade states that from private reports of the fighting at Adrianople, the Servians 7th and 4th Regiments distinguished themselves.

THE BULGARIANS' DETERMINATION.

A message from Sofia states that Count Savoff, in an Order to the army, says that the Turks were mistaken in thinking that they gained time by protracting the peace negotiations which enabled the Bulgarians to concentrate their forces. They are now more ready than ever, and are prepared to dictate terms on the battlefield and to drive the Turks beyond the seas.

ADRIANOPLE BOMBARDMENT.

A message from Constantinople states that Shekhet Pasha has gone to Chatalja. The Commander of the troops in Adrianople, at five o'clock in the afternoon, sent a wireless message to the capital to the effect that the enemy were bombarding the city, into which 138 common shell and eleven shrapnel had fallen. The Turkish casualties were eight killed and ten wounded and fifty-three houses were set on fire. The bombardment continues.

A telegram from Sofia states that Adrianople was bombarded on all sides yesterday. There was no fighting at Chatalja.

"AN ALL DAY FIGHT."

Reuter's Constantinople correspondent states on official authority that the enemy, who partly concentrated on Gallipoli, sent a regiment on the 4th inst. to Kavik. The statement continues "After an all day fight we retired, in accordance with previous arrangements, the enemy being unable to pursue. Another force of the enemy occupied Myrto, on the coast of Marmora, and the warship Zosf inflicted serious losses upon them. The enemy are advancing towards Charkiz.

TURKS DEFEATED.

Reuter's Sofia correspondent telegraphs that the Turks have been defeated at Gallipoli. They retreated in great disorder to the south of the Kavak river, pursued by the Bulgarians, who now possess nearly all the coast of the Sea of Marmora as far as Boulair.

WARSHIPS GOING EAST.

Reuter's correspondent at Constantinople learns that an Italian has authorized the Italian cruisers Pisa and San Marco to pass through the Dardanelles.

TURKISH DELEGATES.

Rochid Pasha has been instructed to remain in London a few days more. The other Turkish delegates are departing.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

SERVIANS AND BULGARIANS CONFER.

M. Venizelos, Reuter learns, has had long conferences with Servian Ministers have proceeded at Sofia, where the Premier was conferred with and an audience was given by King Ferdinand.

SERVIANS SUSCEPTIBILITIES.

Reuter's correspondent at Belgrade states that the fact that Dr. Danoff passed on towards Sofia without stopping has aroused a disagreeable impression.

IMPORTANT LEGISLATION.

HARMONIOUS WELSH MEMBERS.

LONDON, Feb. 7. In the House of Lords, the Trades Unions Bill was read a second time, and the Welsh Disestablishment Bill for the first time.

After the Division in the House of Commons on the Welsh Disestablishment Bill, the Welsh Members gathered in the Lobby and sang "The Land of my Fathers."

A REJECTED AMENDMENT.

Mr. Lytton's amendment, moving the rejection of the Welsh Disestablishment Bill, was defeated by 347 votes to 240.

THE MARCONI INQUIRY.

MARCONI COY'S POSITION.

LONDON, Feb. 7. The Secretary to the Post Office has written to the Marconi Company with reference to their withdrawal from the contract, stating that the delay was regrettable, but it had been due to the contract stipulating the approval of the House of Commons. Hence it was impossible to release the company from their obligations.

MALAYSIA'S DREADNOUGHT.

LONDON, Feb. 7. Messrs Armstrong have been given the contract for the Dreadnought presented to the Imperial Parliament by the Federated Malay States, and she will be built in the firm's new Walker yard near Newcastle. The ship will carry the maximum armament of the latest vessels.

PRINCE HOHENLOHE.

LONDON, Feb. 7. Prince Hohenlohe has been received by the Tsar.

SUFFRAGETTE POLLY.

FOUR SORTERS BURNED.

LONDON, Feb. 7. Four sorters have been seriously burned at Dundee owing to letters addressed to Mr. Asquith bursting into flames.

THE COMING BUDGET.

LONDON, Feb. 7. It is understood that Mr. Lloyd George informed the memorialists that it was impossible in the coming Budget to reduce the taxes on tea, sugar and cocoa.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, Feb. 7. The death is announced of Mr. Bradley Martin, an American millionaire.

GERMANY AND CONSCRIPTION.

KAISER'S SPEECH.

LONDON, Feb. 7. The Kaiser and the German Crown Prince attended the celebrations at Koenigsberg of the centenary of the War of Liberation. In his speech, the Kaiser eulogised conscription as being the foundation of the Empire, and said if an extension of the system was now necessary he had no doubt that the German people would cheerfully respond, and carry out the example of their forefathers.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

INTER-PORT FOOTBALL.

VICTORY FOR SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 6. The result of the Interport Association Football Match played here to-day is:— Shanghai 2 goals. Hongkong 1 goal. Extra time was played, as at full-time the result was a draw, one goal each.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PRINCE IN RAILWAY DISASTER.

LONDON, Feb. 7. A telegram from Buda Pesth states that the express in which the Kaiser's son, Eitel, was returning from Roumania collided with a goods train. Two people were killed, and several injured. The Prince and his suite were very active in the rescue work.

MR. BRYCE.

LONDON, Feb. 7. Mr. Bryce, British Ambassador at Washington, has been appointed a member of the Hague Arbitration Court.

SUFFRAGETTE CHAMPIONS.

EJECTED FROM HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LONDON, Feb. 7. While the House of Commons were discussing the Lords' Amendment to the Scottish Temperance Bill, a man in the Strangers' Gallery shouted in protest of "the treatment of suffragists in prison." He was immediately ejected, vociferating wildly. A second individual was similarly ejected a few minutes afterwards.

THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, Feb. 7. In the House of Commons Mr. Lloyd George announced that the House would adjourn on February 14, and that Parliament would be prorogued on March 7. The new Session would begin on March 10.

GERMAN NAVAL ESTIMATES.

LONDON, Feb. 7. Reuter's Berlin correspondent states that the Budget Committee announced that the naval estimates amounted to £23,370,000 sterling. Mr. Churchill's comparison of the strength of the fleets last June is reported to have been described as incorrect, because the German ships just laid down were added to the ships completed. In the course of the discussion the Secretary for the Navy explained that no grants had been asked apart from those included in the Navy law. He dwelt on the German Navy law's defensive principle.

GERMANS AND LIBERIA.

A DISPUTE.

LONDON, Feb. 7. The arrival at Liberia of the German gunboats Panther and Eber and the cruiser Bremen, just before Christmas, caused much excitement in the Republic, owing to rumours which had been spread to the effect that Germany intended to annex the country. Subsequently considerable friction occurred in consequence of a demand made by Germany for the dismissal of a Liberian officer who insulted a German petty officer ashore. Eventually the dispute was amicably settled. A Liberian force, led by an American officer, administered a crushing defeat to the natives whose conduct led to the dispatch of German warships.

THE OPIUM QUESTION.

THIS SEASON'S CROP.

LONDON, Feb. 7. In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in reply to Sir J. Ross, M.P., said the information obtained regarding this season's opium cultivation in China was conflicting. Further inquiries were being made through the consular officers with the co-operation of local officials. The effect of the suspension of the Indo-Chinese export trade on the finances of India was engaging the attention of the Government of India and he understood that no statement could be made on this subject at present. Dealing with the question of whether the time would come for a reconsideration of the arrangements made in 1911, he said His Majesty's Government was of opinion that the question was premature. The Government still hoped that the Chinese Government would be able to carry out the Agreement, which was already being observed in regard to certain provinces.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

THE JAPANESE MINISTRY.

AVOIDING DEFEAT.

TOKYO, Feb. 4. Parliament met again to-day after two weeks' adjournment. The Premier made a long and detailed announcement relating to the policy of the Cabinet. Mr. Motoda questioned him regarding the so-called unconstitutional action of the Government, and afterwards introduced on behalf of the Constitutionalists, a draft address to the Throne upon the lack of confidence in the present Administration. The coalition between the two Opposition parties was more strongly in evidence than ever and it was clear that the Government would be defeated upon a division on the motion. Before this stage was reached, however, Parliament was further adjourned for five days.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BIOGRAPHY OF MR. L. GEORGE.

LONDON, Feb. 5. Another compendious life of Mr. Lloyd George has been published. The author, Mr. Edwards, M.P., portrays the Chancellor of the Exchequer as the hero of the great movement of national revival.

AUSTRALIAN BUSH FIRES.

"ABLAZE FOR MILES."

LONDON, Feb. 5. Reuter's Melbourne correspondent telegraphs that bush fires have occurred in Victoria and caused great damage. The country is ablaze for miles, and numerous houses and much live stock and fodder have been destroyed. The hills present a brilliant spectacle by night, resembling illuminated cities. Splendid rain is falling in Melbourne.

LATER. A telegram from Melbourne states that timely rains have checked the bush fires in Victoria.

LOOTING IN PEKING.

SOLDIERS DISSATISFIED.

LONDON, Feb. 5. Reuter's Peking correspondent telegraphs that outbreaks on the part of the unpaid soldiery are feared. Forty began looting at Peking on Monday, but the majority were promptly arrested and executed.

A telegram from Foochow states that a bomb was thrown at the new civil governor Chang by counter-revolutionists. Thirty were killed and wounded, and the Governor escaped.

THE LOAN TO CHINA.

FRENCH MINISTER'S OBJECTION.

LONDON, Feb. 5. When the Loan Agreement between the Sir Power Group and the Chinese Government was on the point of being signed at Peking on Tuesday, the French Minister unexpectedly objected to sign unless a Frenchman was appointed one of the advisers. This action, which is aimed specially at the appointment of a German in the Audit Department, created great consternation among Government officials and bankers.

ATLANTIC ICEBERGS.

IMPORTANT STEP.

LONDON, Feb. 5. It is stated that the Government is negotiating with Atlantic shipping companies for the despatch of a vessel equipped with the most powerful wireless telegraph installation in order to locate and report the position of icebergs in the Atlantic Ocean.

WELSH DISESTABLISHMENT.

GOVERNMENT'S LARGE MAJORITIES.

LONDON, Feb. 5. The report stage of the Welsh Disestablishment Bill concluded with the Government having large majorities. The third reading of the Bill was to be taken on Wednesday.

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To-morrow night the Philharmonic Society is giving a concert performance of Edward German's opera "Merrie England" at the Theatre Royal under the direction of Mr. Denman Fuller. We understand that the booking has been very satisfactory. The dress circle is practically filled, and the stalls have been selling well. The experiment is being tried of pricing the pit and gallery seats at \$1 and 50 cents respectively in order to enable all classes of music lovers to hear the performance. There is no reason why advantage should not be taken of this occasion, as the production has been carefully planned and tirelessly rehearsed. The orchestra has been specially adopted for the concert by Mr. Denman Fuller. The following are the principals taking part: Mrs. Goldsmith, Mr. G. P. Lammert, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Lamb, Mr. R. Peyton-Griffin, Mr. E. Bullock, Mr. F. A. Bidon, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. R. E. White, Miss L. White, Mr. J. W. White, Mrs. Gask, Mrs. Platt, and Mr. W. Cawsey. There is a large chorus, and the concert should be a complete success.

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